

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3519
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026

MONITORING OF PROGRESS TOWARDS SDG

3519. DR. KAVITA PATIDAR:
SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the key indicators currently included in the National Indicator Framework (NIF) for monitoring India's progress towards Sustainable Development Goals;
- (b) the frequency by which Government update the State Indicator Framework (SIF) to reflect the unique development priorities of different States;
- (c) whether Government has successfully integrated data from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) into the annual SDG progress reports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) when was the last SDG National Indicator Framework Progress Report released and the major highlights regarding poverty alleviation and gender equality; and
- (f) details of the collaboration between MoSPI and international agencies to ensure India's SDG reporting remains globally comparable and transparent?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) updates and releases the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report annually on National Statistics Day (i.e., on 29th June). There are 284 national indicators as per SDG-NIF Progress Report, 2025.
- (b) MoSPI develops India's NIF, while States/UTs are responsible for development and updation of State Indicator Framework (SIF) for monitoring progress on SDGs sub-national level. SIF is updated according to States' priorities, data needs, and resources.

(c) to (d) The SDG-NIF Progress Report includes data received from various line Ministries/Departments including data from Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS). The indicators related to PLFS in SDG-NIF Progress Report, 2025 are mentioned in Annexure.

(e) The latest publication on SDG-NIF Progress Report, 2025 was released on 29.06.2025. The Executive Summary Chapter of SDG-NIF Progress Report, 2025 inter-alia includes highlights under Goal 1 (No Poverty) and Goal 5 (Gender Equality). The major highlights under Goal 1 (No Poverty) include significant improvements in proportion of the population living in poverty declining from 24.85 percent in 2015–16 to 14.96 percent in 2019–21. In addition, coverage under social protection systems has expanded, increasing from 22.0 percent in 2016 to 64.3 percent in 2025. Under Goal 5 (Gender Equality), major highlights show increase in female-to-male Labour Force Participation Rate from 0.43 in 2020–21 to 0.54 in 2023–24 and increase in exclusive Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Bank-linked SHGs from 88.92 percent in 2015–16 to 97.04 percent in 2023–24. The complete report can be accessed at [Sustainable Development Goals National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2025.pdf](#) .

(f) MoSPI has undertaken several initiatives to ensure India’s SDG reporting remains globally comparable and transparent. To institutionalize coordination, MoSPI, NITI Aayog, and the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (UNRCO) signed a tripartite MoU to strengthen data, indicators, and statistics for SDG monitoring in India. The MoU aims to collaborate on statistical monitoring of SDG Goals and Targets, including leveraging new technologies, capacity development to track SDG-related outcomes, and addressing emerging requirements. Following this, MoSPI established the Data for Development Coordination Forum (DDCF) on SDGs. The forum supports development of data plans, strengthening of the indicator framework through stakeholder reviews, and coordinated discussions on SDG-related issues with central ministries and UN agencies.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO PART (c)&(d) IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3519 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 23rd MARCH, 2026

Indicator Number in SDF NIF Report, 2025	Indicator Description
5.1.5	Ratio of female to male average wage/salary earnings received among regular wage/salaried employees
5.5.2	Proportion of women in managerial positions
5.5.4	Ratio of female to male Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) (15–59 years)
5.a.3	Wages of casual labourers (gender wise) other than public works (Rs. per day)
5.a.4	Average agricultural wage earnings from casual labour work other than public works (Rs. per day)
8.3.1	Percentage of workers in informal sector among total workers engaged in non-agriculture sector
8.5.1	Average hourly earnings of employees, by sex, age, occupation (in Rs.)
8.5.2	Unemployment rate
8.5.3	Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) (%) (15–59 years)
8.8.3	Percentage of regular wage/salaried employees in non-agriculture sector without any social security benefit
9.2.2	Manufacturing employment as a proportion of total employment
10.2.3	Ratio (in percent) of female workers to male workers working as Professionals and Technical Workers

Source: SDG-NIF Progress Report, 2025 ([Sustainable Development Goals National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2025.pdf](#))